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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recent report of the International Narcotics Control Board released by United Nations Development Programme the Indo-Myanmar border could become a major illicit drug producing area;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c)the details of narcotic drugs seized by the Indian authorities during each of the last three years along Indo-Myanmar border; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop smuggling along Indo-Myanmar border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) : The International Narcotics Control Board Report for the year 2000, inter-alia, speculates that the Indo-Myanmar border could become a major illicit drug producing area. However, as per reports available, no manufacturing facility for drugs has been reported in India along the Indo-Myanmarborder. The smuggling into India from Myanmar, although ona very small scale, has registered a slight increase during the last 3 years.

(c): The details of narcotic drugs and stimulants seized during the last 3 years in the States of Nagaland, Mizoramand Manipur as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies are as follows:

1998

State	Heroin(in kg.)	Amphetamine	Ephedrine (in kg.)
Nagaland	0	0	0
Mizoram	6.390	0	0
Manipur	5.460	0	10.000

1999

State	Heroin(in kg.)	Amphetamine	Ephedrine (in kg.)
Nagaland	1.050	0	200.000
Mizoram	1.800	0	707.000
Manipur	6.100	0.078 gms & 1855 Tabs.	303.170

2000

State	Heroin(in kg.)	Amphetamine	Ephedrine (in kg.)
Nagaland	0.020	0	100.000
Mizoram	6.030	0	0
Manipur	1.720	1.075 kg. & 2160 Tabs.	167.000

(d) : Significant steps taken by the Government of Indiato stop smuggling of drugs along Indo-Myanmar border include notifying the precursor chemicals ephedrine and pseudoephedrine used in the manufacture of Amphetamine/Methamphetamine tablets as `controlled substances` under the NDPS Act, constant vigil, stepping up of enforcement efforts, gearing up of intelligence machinery, vesting of powers in BSF under the Customs Act tointerdict drugs on the border, entering into of a comprehensive bilateral agreement by the Government of India with the Government of Union of Myanmar for reducing demand andpreventing illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, holding of quarterly coordination meeting of all enforcement agencies, providing drug sniffer dogs and training of dog handlers of Myanmar and stringent action under NDPS Act against persons arrested for drug trafficking.